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Kentucky ABC Named Enforcement Agency of the Year

CONSECUTIVE YEAR FOR NATIONAL RECOGNITION

The Kentucky Alcoholic Beverage Control Enforcement Division recently was awarded the 2010 National Liquor

Law Enforcement Association Agency of the Year at their annual conference in Orlando, Fla., for its efforts in combating underage drinking and preventing illegal alcohol sales. This is the second national award in the past two years for the ABC, winning last year for the Law Enforcement Officer of

"This award recognizes Kentucky's proactive approach to underage drinking by combining efforts of the education and law enforcement divisions into a successful model," ABC Commissioner Tony Dehner said.

ABC Awarded FDA Contract to Enforce Provisions of **Tobacco Control Act**

In September, ABC was awarded a \$428,278 contract by the Food and Drug Administration to enforce provisions of the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act of 2009. Under the law, tobacco retailers will be inspected to ensure they are complying with new marketing and sales standards. The FDA contract is awarded on an annual basis. Approximately 250 retailers will be inspected per month.



Young Named KSA Sheriff of the Year

Anderson County Sheriff Troy Young was named the 2011 Sheriff of the Year by the Kentucky Sheriffs' Association. Young was elected sheriff in 2005 and has served Anderson County since 1992. He was nominated by his employ-

ees for his exemplary service to the county. Young helped with establishing a 24-7 patrol, merging with the county police department and constructing a training facility.

"He is a professional at all times and is highly regarded as such by both the law enforcement community and the citizens that he serves," said Anderson County Sheriff's Sgt. Greg Boblitt in Young's recommendation letter. "

Godsey First Inductee into 911 Hall of Fame

Department of Criminal Justice Training Telecommunications Supervisor Betty Godsey was named the first inductee into the Kentucky 911 Hall of Fame for



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The Kentucky Emergency Number Association and the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials established the Hall of Fame this year.

Godsey was recognized for going beyond the call of duty to improve services and the overall image of telecommunications, and for encouraging those in the field. She was heralded across the state as a leader, teacher, mentor and inspiration at this year's Kentucky Emergency Services conference in September.

GRANT FUNDING

Nearly \$4 Million in Grants Awarded to Aid **Law Enforcement**



Sixty-five federal and state grants totaling more than \$3.5 million were awarded to police departments, sheriffs' offices and other criminal justice agencies across the commonwealth. A total of 41 Byrne/Justice Assistance Grants were awarded for 2011.

Examples of funded projects include the Kentucky State Police receiving \$470,000 to fight drugs, the Shelbyville Police Department receiving nearly \$7,500 for its forensic mapping program and the Crestview Hills Police Department in Kenton County receiving nearly \$2,000 for TASERs.

Numerous drug and narcotic strike forces across the state also received Byrne/JAG funding.

A total of 24 grants were awarded through the Law Enforcement Service Fee program.

The Carroll County Sheriff's Office received nearly \$1,000 for a portable breath test program, the Maysville Police Department received \$7,500 for in car digital video and the McCracken County Sheriff's Office and the Paducah Police Department received nearly \$18,000 each for their driving-under-the-influence programs.

Fayette County and Jefferson County law enforcement agencies each received nearly \$100,000 in grant funding.

"The Justice and Public Safety Cabinet is committed to assisting local law enforcement agencies across Kentucky as they perform the duties necessary to keep their communities safe," Cabinet Secretary J. Michael Brown said.